

# National Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Hall 2017 Foreign Students Chinese Public Speaking Competition

1. **Objective:** The competition is held on Dr. Sun Yat-sen's birthday (November 12th) to commemorate his remarkable achievements, to motivate the student's recognition of 'Sunology (Dr.Sun's theory and beliefs), the Chinese culture, and Chinese culture.
2. **Supervisor:** Ministry of Culture
3. **Organizer:** National Dr. Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall
4. **Contestants:** Qualification for entry into the competition requires foreign students to be enrolled in a Taiwanese educational institution. The contestant needs to be at least 18 years of age, and does not hold R.O.C nationality.
5. **Eligibility:**
  - a. In order to encourage new applicants, any prize winners (1<sup>st</sup> prize through to 4<sup>th</sup> prize) from the 2016 competition are not eligible to apply.
  - b. Any group applications are limited to a maximum number of 4 persons of the same educational institution. All applications need to be stamped with the official stamps of approval from contestants' school.
  - c. Inappropriate, vulgar, violent, obscene, and salacious content are forbidden to be in the contestant's speech.
  - d. All contestants of whom either their or parent's first language or official language is Chinese (including provincial dialects) are not eligible to apply.
6. **Registration Method:** Please send the registration form, stamped with the official stamp to signify approval from the contestants' schools and copy of passport, within registration period to the following address: NATIONAL SUN YAT-SEN MEMORIAL HALL EXTENSION SERVICE DIVISION No.505, Sec.4, Ren-ai Rd., Taipei. We do not accept registration via fax. You can download the registration form from the National Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Hall website.

(<http://www.yatsen.gov.tw/> ). All applications must include a copy of the corresponding applicant's passports.

7. **Total Number of Applicants:** The total number of applicants is limited to 90 contestants, which is of 'a first come, first serve basis' . We will stop accepting applications once we reach 90 applicants. The list of contestants will be posted on the website.
8. **Activity Period:**
  - a. Registration Date : from now on to October. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  - b. Sequence: Making public on the website of Dr. Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall before October.31, 2017.
  - c. Competition Date: 9 am., November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017
  - d. Competition Site: Lecture Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, National Dr. Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall (No.505, Sec.4, Ren-ai Rd., Taipei)
9. **Method of Registration:** Applicants with copy of passport checking in at Lecture Hall of Memorial Hall on B1
10. **Speech Topics:** (choose one)
  - (1) **The Taste(Experience) of Happiness in Taiwan**
  - (2) **Confidence and Humbleness**
  - (3) **The Revelation of Nature**
  - (4) **Take Responsibility for your Own Decisions**
  - (5) **Small things make big impact**
11. **Judgement:** Jury composed of professionals hired by organizer
12. **Standard of Grading:**
  - a. content 40%, posture 20%, expression 30%, time-control 10%,  
total 100%
  - b. The time limit is suggested to be between 4-5 minutes. A bell will be rung once at 4 minutes, then twice at 5 minutes. If the speech surpasses 6 minutes, the bell will be rung three times and one point will be deducted for every additional minute over the time limit.)

13. **Reward:**

The winner : A certification and NT \$ 10,000, one person, total 1

The second place winner : A certification and NT \$ 8,000, one person, total 1

The third place winner : A certification and NT \$ 6,000, one person, total 1

The fourth place winner : A certification and NT \$ 4,000, one person, total 1

The superiors : A certification and NT \$ 3,000, one person, total 12

According to the taxation law of the R.O.C., the prize winner shall receive the corresponding net amount after a 20% tax deduction of the prize money. Any failure to comply will result in disqualification and hence no prize money will be allocated.

14. **Copyright:** All contestants must agree to being recorded by the National Dr. Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall. The recordings may be published on the Hall's publication and website, and contestants must also agree to allow other institutions to download the recordings where it may be circulated and passed on.

15. **Notice:**

- (1) All participants are required to comply with the competition's rules. If any violations occur, the organizers have the right to immediately cancel the qualification of the contestant, even including after awarding. (No recurrence award) The organizer has the final decision on the dispute, the contestants have no right to object.
- (2) Due to any disasters or any other major causes, National Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Hall have right to cease, delay or prolong the competition.
- (3) If the contestants perform less than standard awards, the award could be missed or reduce admissions.
- (4) Organizers do not pay any fees or compensation to be contestants.
- (5) For the content of the speech, participants can prepare their own simple clothing and speech equipment.

16. If you have any queries, please refer to the Dr. Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall website (<http://www.yatsen.gov.tw>).

